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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following amended paragraph:

[0010] A common problem associated with the manufacture of such "formed wound machines" is related to the difficulty of inserting the pre-formed coils or windings in the stator slots without distorting or deforming the coils so as to reduce the risks of damaging the insulation thereof and potentially causing short circuits or the like. The problem is compounded in situations, such as exemplified by U.S. Patent 5,714,825 5,714,824, wherein the stator is internal, having stator slots that project outwardly and, therefore, radially fan outwardly. Indeed, the radially outward opening of two slots being at a greater distance than the radially inwardly located opening of the same two slots, insertion of conventional pre-formed coils inherently requires at least temporary deformation thereof.